



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Rural Area Comprehensive Plan Designations May Change Due to County Review Ordered by Growth Management Hearings Board and Court Rulings**

A 1998 ruling of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) and a court order are the impetus for Clark County to review the Comprehensive Plan land use designations of some rural properties in the county. The state hearings board ordered that about 3,500 out of 35,000 acres of rural land originally designated as Agri-Forest (AF-20) and subsequently changed to rural residential, be further considered by the county staff for the appropriateness of designation as agriculture or forest resource land. Resource lands are those lands suitable for forestry or agriculture based upon a variety of factors, including soil type, service availability, current use, parcel size, etc.

County planning staff has conducted a technical review of parcels to be considered for redesignation of the Comprehensive Plan to resource lands and will present the results of the review to the public in two open houses. The open houses are scheduled for:

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the Dollar's Corner Fire Station, 21609  
NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, near Battle Ground, and**

**Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the LaCenter Community Center (City Hall),  
214 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, La Center.**

The week of March 3 through 7, 2003 county staff will be available by appointment to individual property owners who wish to discuss the effects of the recommended Comprehensive Plan and zoning map changes.

A public hearing before the Clark County Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2003.

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